

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2296 - HB 2583

February 7, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new special license plate for *DUI Offenders*. Specifies that it is a Class A misdemeanor for a person convicted of a DUI to drive a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle that does not display the special DUI Offender license plate for two years from the date the person's mandatory license suspension expires. Requires the Department of Safety to notify by certified mail any person convicted of a DUI that the registrations of vehicles to which they have sole title and ownership have been revoked and requires the offender surrender their license plates and registration within five days of such notice. Failure to surrender plates and registration is a Class C misdemeanor. Specifies that revocation notice shall inform individuals of requirement to obtain special license plate. Provides for a \$25 additional fee for DUI Offender license plate.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$53,400 One-Time
\$208,316 Recurring**

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$300,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Less than \$100,000 *

Estimate assumes:

- approximately 23,200 DUIs annually.
- approximately 25% of offenders (5,800) will have sole title and ownership of vehicle.
- approximately 50% (11,600) will obtain the special plate required by the bill.
- two positions in the Department of Safety to handle notification of offenders and issuance of special license plates with salary and benefits of \$51,500.
- one-time increase in expenditures for office equipment for the new positions of \$3,400.
- one-time increase in expenditures for computer system changes to multiple programs of \$50,000.
- recurring increases in expenditures for office equipment maintenance and supplies of \$3,000, the cost of sending 23,200 notices by certified mail at \$4.50 each of \$104,400, and for the manufacture and distribution of 11,600 license plates at \$4.26 each of \$49,416.

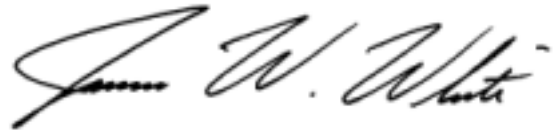
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- increase in state revenues of \$290,000 from \$25 fee paid for special license plate by 11,600 offenders.
- an increase in state revenues from fines levied and collected from individuals violating provisions of the bill and charged with the Class A or Class C misdemeanor offenses. Approximately 100 Class A offenses with an average fine of \$500 would result in an increase in revenues of \$50,000. State receives proceeds from fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.
- an increase in local government expenditures depends on the number of individuals violating the provisions of the bill and the resulting increase in costs to confine such persons.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director